



Committee and date:
North East Shrewsbury Local
Joint Committee
3 July 2012
7.00 p.m.

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**NOTE OF THE MEETING HELD ON 7 FEBRUARY 2012 AT 7.00 P.M.
AT THE LANTERN, MEADOW FARM DRIVE, SHREWSBURY
'SPOTLIGHT ON SUNDORNE AND BATTLEFIELD'**

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Committee Members Present:

Councillor Karen Burgoyne (Shropshire Council)

Councillor Dean Carroll (Shrewsbury Town Council)

Councillor Malcolm Price (Shropshire Council & Shrewsbury Town Council)

Shropshire Council Officers Present:

Steve Cunningham, Senior Community Action Officer

David L Edwards, Flood and Water Manager

Karen Nixon, Committee Officer (notes)

Tim Sneddon, Service Manager, Environmental Maintenance, Central

OTHERS

West Mercia Police:

PC Andrew Gardner

Sgt Julie Shepherd

Sevenside Housing:

Mark Pragg, Housing Officer

There were approximately 20 members of the public in attendance.

		ACTION
1.	Apologies	
	Apologies for absence were received from Cllr Alan Mosley, Castlefields and Ditherington and Rachael Hopkins of Sevenside Housing.	Noted
2.	Declarations of Interest	
	There were no declarations of interest.	
3.	Notes	
	The note of the previous meeting held on 11 February 2011, was approved as a correct record and duly signed by the Chairman. Cllr Price updated on actions taken since the previous meeting; <ul style="list-style-type: none">Pending authority from West Mercia Police and the Highway Authority, permanent goals were to be erected at Berwick Grange.	Noted Tim Sneddon/ Police/ Steve

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The offer of assistance from Caterpillar had been taken up. They had produced excellent work at the former Salop Glass Building and their contribution was much appreciated and valued by all concerned. The Persimmon Scheme was still ongoing, subject to SAMDEV. 	Cunningham
4.	Welcome and Introductions by the Chairman	
	<p>The Chairman welcomed everyone to the meeting. He confirmed recent changes to Local Joint Committees and the new Shrewsbury-wide LJC, which meets twice a year in addition to the two North East Shrewsbury LJC meetings in between.</p> <p>A warm welcome was extended those present and a brief explanation about the background, purpose and powers of the meeting was made. It was stressed that local resident's input including questions and ideas for potential agenda items in the future were very much welcomed.</p>	
5.	PACT Meeting (Partners and Communities Together) including Shropshire Fire and Rescue Service update	
	<p>PC Andrew Gardner, West Mercia Police, introduced himself from the Sundorne and Battlefield local policing team. PACT meetings would be incorporated into the Local Joint Committee meeting to give local residents the opportunity to raise any issues of concern directly.</p> <p>The local policing team was based at Monkmoor Police Station, Shrewsbury. Any message left would be responded to within 24 hours and the public were urged to report any problems or intelligence direct to the local team via the contact telephone number, which was (01743) 264725. All information would be treated in the strictest confidence. For more general information about local policing the contact number was 0300 333 3000 or see www.westmercia.police.uk or call Crimestoppers 0800 555 111.</p> <p>PC Gardner gave a brief explanation of the PACT process, which identified priorities for the local area for the next three months.</p> <p>An update was given on issues of concern raised by local residents previously:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Problem with mini-motorbikes had ceased and were no longer an issue. Burglary rates were unusually higher than the normal range for the area. Efforts were being made to combat this with increased patrols and looking out for vulnerable properties to stress the issue with owner/occupiers Diversory work with youngsters continued. There was a pleasing 20% reduction in anti social behaviour, especially during holiday periods when this work was being rolled out, which was pleasing. Parking problems at The Lantern and around the island continued. This was an ongoing issue that the police continued to monitor and actively work towards resolving. Problems with dropped kerbs and people parking over them at The Lantern, Moston Road continued to actively work towards resolving. It was agreed that the traffic team would come and look at the possibility of introducing yellow lines. The Police assured they were focussing on combating drugs in the area 	<p>Police</p> <p>Police/ Tim Sneddon</p>

	<p>and dealing with the issue in a robust way.</p> <p>New issues of concern were raised;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Speeding traffic at Roushill, in particular the area between the Riverside Centre and Mardol was highlighted as a dangerous area where many 'near misses' were occurring. Malcolm Price assured that he was aware of this issue and was pursuing. • Goods had been stolen recently from the front of properties. The police advised to keep anything of value under lock and key overnight and not leave anything on display. • Speed checks were requested at Battlefield Road, Sundorne Road and Whitchurch Road. The use of vehicle activated signs was requested if possible. <p>Following discussions, it was agreed that the above issues should be the areas of priority to be addressed by local policing teams. An update will be given at the next meeting.</p> <p>Phil Davies of the Shropshire Fire and Rescue Service gave an update on the unusually high number of fire deaths in Shropshire recently. The norm was 0 to 2 or 3 deaths over a period of 12 months, but in this year alone there had already been 7 fire deaths which raised huge concerns.</p> <p>He urged everyone to install a smoke alarm if they did not already have one, and anyone with alarms, to get them tested to ensure they were all in working order. Alarms save lives. For anyone wanting advice on what and how to fit alarms they were urged to ring: 01743 260298 or contact the Community Fire Safety Department at Brigade HQ, St Michael's Street, Shrewsbury, SY1 2BR.</p>	<p>Malcolm Price</p> <p>Malcolm Price</p>
6.	Surface Water Flooding in North Shrewsbury	
	<p>David L Edwards, Flood and Water Manager gave a presentation on flooding in the North East Shrewsbury LJC area (see Powerpoint presentation, attached to signed minutes).</p> <p>In doing so he outlined that flooding is not a new issue. It occurs naturally, with flood plains resulting in fertile farmland. However we have now built on a large amount of our fertile farmland. So why do anything? Because historically, urbanisation has resulted in increased rates of surface water discharge; the legacy of adding more and more to existing drainage systems; modern farming practices have had a similar effect and climate change means more intense rainfall and yet more runoff.</p> <p>Flooding is not just attributable to new development or greenfield sites. Studies show that 'urban creep' results in an increase of 1m², per property, per year. So in the area covered by the North East Shrewsbury LJC where there are around 6,000 properties, this equates to around 6,000m² of additional hardstanding (driveway extensions, patios, paths) per year (= about 1.5 football pitches).</p> <p>He highlighted the recent implementation of the 'Surface Water Management: Interim Guidance for Developers' which was a great step forward and referred to the 'Shrewsbury Surface Water Management Plan' which was a detailed study of the catchments affecting Shrewsbury, inc watercourses, overland flows and sewers.</p> <p>Nine Flood forums have been set up in Shropshire to highlight problem areas, encourage partnership, work with local communities and use information</p>	

	<p>gathered for the future.</p> <p>Property flood protection surveys were free for domestic property owners affected by flooding; a short report highlighting possibilities and advice for protection measures available. Forms were available at the meeting or an electronic version was available via the website or submit contact details via flood@shropshire.gov.uk</p> <p>The Chairman thank Mr Edwards for his informative presentation and reiterated that if anyone had any questions to go to flood@shropshire.gov.uk or telephone Mr Edwards and his team on Tel 01743 253895.</p>	
7.	Litter Pick and Envirinmental Update	
	<p>Tim Sneddon, Service Manager, Environmental Maintenance, Central, spoke about the excellent work of the 'Tidy Shrewsbury Group', which meets approx. 4 times a year and consists of community-minded volunteers who litter pick in and around local areas. It currently has around 15 to 20 members and is looking to recruit more members from the local community. Examples of their work was shown in a display of pictures. Recently they had collected 650 kilos of litter in and around the area of Arlington Way, the old Tesco's site and Westbury Garage. In addition to collecting litter themselves they had been successful in engaging some of the local businesses in tidying up the area and becoming more proactive in maintaining the appearance of the area.</p> <p>Their next meeting is at Meole Village and if anyone is interested in joining can they please let Tim Sneddon know and he will put you in contact with the Group – all new members will be made very welcome.</p> <p>Contact: Tim Sneddon Tel 01743 254904</p>	
8.	Sevenside Housing	
	<p>Mark Pragg announced that Sevenside's Annual Community Fayre would take place in May 2012 at a venue still to be confirmed. Anyone interested in attending was asked to check Sevenside's website for details or to ring the Community Development Team on 0845 234 2424. All were welcome.</p> <p>In response to enquiries about a vacant property in Sultan Road, Mr Pragg confirmed that the house in question was being repaired extensively and would be re-let in due course.</p> <p>The installation of solar panels on some of Sevenside's housing stock was welcomed as part of the company's green initiative and also from a tenants point of view and cheaper running costs.</p> <p>Litter problems at the garages in Albert Gardens and in and around the hedges there were highlighted. Officers agreed to look at this with Sevenside.</p>	Sevenside/ Tim Sneddon
9.	Shropshire Council News and Reports	
	<p>The following matters of local interest were highlighted by Members present;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> It was announced that it was hoped to set up a 'Friends of the Lantern' Group; anyone who was interested was asked to contact Karen Burgoyne directly. Volunteers were also sought for the Youth Club. 	

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A Fun Day at the Lantern, with 7-a-side, was being organised for July 2012 • The new Matrix Medical Centre, just off Sundorne Road was well on target, and due to be completed in 2013. • A Skatepark consultation was being undertaken, looking at provision in Shrewsbury, to replace the old skatepark in Monkmoor. 	
10.	Funding Applications	
	<p>It was noted that the devolved funding allocated to the North East Shrewsbury Local Joint Committee (LJC) for the period 1st April 2011 up until 31st March 2012 was £23,644 in total.</p> <p>Prior to each LJC, a planning meeting takes place to discuss applications for funding and agree provisional recommendations. Four applications were received for this reporting period and were put forward to the LJC at their agenda planning meeting held on 11 January 2012 for consideration. In addition to this a late application was received from Shrewsbury Gymnastics Club, which the LJC agreed to consider as an urgent item of business.</p> <p>Requests totalling £11,040 were therefore considered by the North East Shrewsbury LJC;</p> <p>A. Shrewsbury Saints FC £350 B. Shrewsbury & Severnside Boxing Club £1,640 C. Harlescott Homework Club £2,900 D. Friends of the Flaxmill Maltings E. Shrewsbury Gymnastics Club (urgent item) £3,150</p> <p>Total Funding Requests = £11,040</p> <p>RESOLVED: That the following grants be approved;</p> <p>A. Shrewsbury Saints FC £350 B. Shrewsbury & Severnside Boxing Club £1,200 C. Harlescott Homework Club £2,900 D. Friends of the Flaxmill Maltings £3,000 E. Shrewsbury Gymnastics Club £1,750</p> <p>A total of £9,200 was awarded at this meeting.</p>	<p>Steve Cunningham</p>
11.	Residents Issues with Public Question Time	
	<p>The following issues were raised by the public;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A large 7 bed property on the Sundorne Road had been sold recently and its ownership was unknown. Local rumour had it that it was intended to be used as a home for people with behavioural needs and clarification was sought. The Chair undertook to look into this and find out if possible. • The recent cycling event at the Sports Village was a great success. However concerns were expressed about a lack of communication to the Football Clubs about the closure of the pitches for that weekend and the condition that the Sports Village was left in after the event. 	<p>Malcolm Price</p> <p>George Candler</p>

